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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NOJIRI

Serial No. 09/870,651

Group Art Unit: 2173

Filed: June 1, 2001

Examiner: T. Zhou

For: **SETUP CONDITION INPUT DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 18, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period was set to expire June 18, 2004, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Entry of the within amendments is respectfully requested under rule 1.116 as it is submitted that the within amendments place the claims in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

In view of the following amendment and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.



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AMENDMENT

Please amend the above captioned application as follows:

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